Mechanical Supervisor.

294. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) when was the post of the Mechanical Supervisor created first;

(2) what was the necessity for the creation of such a post;

(3) who was the first Mechanical Supervisor;

(4) the date on which first the Mechanical Supervisor was appointed and the date of the termination of his service in that post;

(5) who were the successors of the first Mechanical Supervisor, the dates of their appointment and the termination of their service in that post;

(6) who was the immediate predecessor of the present incumbent, and what were his qualifications to hold that post; and what were his functions;

(7) who is the present incumbent, and what are his qualifications and present functions;

(8) prior to appointment of the present incumbent as the Mechanical Supervisor, who was in charge of the Government cars and boats;

(9) does the present incumbent possess the necessary qualifications to look after the electric installations of the State?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) In 1087.

(2) To supervise the electrical and telephone installations.

(3) Mr. B. K. Iyyangar.

(4) He was in service from 1087 to 1092.

(5) 1 Mr. Conegan.

2 Mr. K. Narayana Menon from 6th Mithunam 1097, permanent Mechanical Supervisor on deputation to the Police Department.

(6) Mr. K. Narayana Menon, L. E. E. and Boiler Test

Looking after the Electrical Installation in the Hill Palace particulary and other Electrical Installations generally.

(7) a. K. Narayana Menon (permanent).

b. R. V. Padmanabha Ayyar (Sub-pro-tem)

He is in charge of the State motor cars and boats. As regards his qualifications the Member is referred to question No. 183 of the last sitting.

(8) The Mechanical Assistant Engineer.

(9) No.

Cochin Teachers' Association.

295. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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1. is the Cochin Teachers' Association a private body or a body recognised by the Government;

2. will the Government be pleased to state what their functions are;

3. are they competent to pass resolutions condemning the action of Government,

4. are they permitted to discuss political questions;

5. are Government aware that they had tabled for discussion resolutions relating to Khaddar, National dress, etc.;

6. are Government aware that in British India teachers are strictly prohibited from discussing political questions at their meetings?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—A body recognised by Government.

2. To organise a social unit of all the men and women teachers in Sirkar and recognised institutions in the State, so that they may work together to improve their status, to ameliorate their economic condition, to develop their physical and psychical resources and to apply these to help in the evolution of a nobler and broader state.

3. No.

4. No.

5. Yes.

6. Government have not ascertained the matter.

Comparative services of certain officers.

296. Mr. V. Achyuta Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state by (a) how many years, months and days Messrs. C. Ramankutti Menon, B. A. and M. Kunjan Menon, B. A., Tahsildars of Cochin-Kanayannur and Mukundapuram respectively were senior to Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar, B. A., on the date of Mr. Sesha Ayyar's appointment as Assistant Secretary to the Diwan;

(b) what the permanent pay of these three officers was on 1st Mithunam 1105 and 1st Chingam 1106;

(c) whether these three officers have worked in the Huzur Office; if the reply is in the affirmative, how long and in what capacities;

(d) whether Mr. Sesha Ayyar has, at any time, worked as a clerk in the Huzur Office in a branch or department when the Head clerk of the same was the above said Mr. Ramankutti Menon;

(e) what office Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar was holding in the Huzur Office when the said Mr. C. Ramankutti Menon was the Chief Superintendent there;

(f) whether the said two Nayar officers were at any time found incompetent in the discharge of their duties;

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